

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 were pending in the present application. Claims 4, 5, and 7 are withdrawn from consideration due to restriction. The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The applicant notes with appreciation the acknowledgement of the claim for priority under section 119 and the notice that all certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

The applicant acknowledges and appreciates receiving a copy of the form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 4, 2003 on which the Examiner has initialed listed items except for the Hayes et al. reference, e.g. U.S. Patent No. 6,366,834. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner provide another copy of the PTO-1449 with Hayes et al. initialed, indicating consideration thereof.

Claims 2 and 3 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being allegedly indefinite. Claims 2 and 3 are amended herein to clarify what is claimed.

For example, with regard to claim 2 as amended, the claimed navigation device includes a time designating unit that designates the time by adding or deducting one hour with respect to the time indicated by the time indicating unit. Support for the amendment to claim 2 can be found on page 6, line 3 of Applicant's specification. With regard to claim 3 as amended, the claimed navigation device includes a time standard detecting unit for detecting moving from a certain region having a certain time standard to a given region that has a given time standard. The time designating unit includes a computing unit for computing time *following a time standard of a region*. When the time standard detecting unit detects moving to the given region, the time designating unit computes time following the given time standard to thereby designate the time into which the time changing unit changes the time indicated by the indicating unit.

Applicant submits that claims 2 and 3 would now be clearly understandable to one of ordinary skill and requests that the rejection of claims 2 and 3 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 6, and 8 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Tajima et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2003/0100323 (hereinafter “Tajima”) in view of Kurokawa et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,546,092 (hereinafter “Kurokawa”). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1 and 8 are amended herein to clarify the differences between the invention and the applied references. For example, claim 1 now recites, *inter alia*, that the claimed navigation device includes a displaying unit for displaying at least both of the indicated time and the estimated arrival time. It should be noted that both the time designated by the time designating unit and the arrival time changed by the arrival time estimating unit are displayed by the displaying unit.

In making the rejection, Tajima is cited as teaching the claimed navigation device. Applicant first respectfully disagrees that Tajima teaches a navigation device. At best, the electronic apparatus of Tajima teaches a position sensor for determining the position of the clock (see, e.g. paragraph [0028] line 11). Tajima notably fails to teach or suggest a navigation device, e.g. a device capable of guiding a user along a route to a destination. Tajima further fails to teach or suggest, as admitted by the Examiner, the claimed arrival time estimating unit. To account for this deficiency, Kurokawa is cited as allegedly teaching the missing features in the applied art combination. Applicant notes however that no evidence is provided to show that a suggestion or motivation is contained in the references sufficient to motivate one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the references to arrive at the claimed invention. The Examiner merely asserts that it would have been obvious to include the capability of expected time of arrival into Tajima.

Applicant further contends that one of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to combine the references, again, since Takjima is not concerned with navigation and Kurokawa is not concerned with schedule keeping. Even, *in arguendo*, if the applied art combination is properly motivated, which applicant contends it is not, the applied references alone or in combination still fail to teach the claimed time changing unit, the claimed arrival time estimating unit and the claimed display unit. Tajima, in being concerned only with the user's present position, compares the current Global Positioning System (GPS) information with stored time zone information to update schedule information and alarm information which is kept in accordance with local time.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons set forth hereinabove, a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not properly been established in that the applied art combination is improperly motivated and still fails to teach or suggest all the claimed features as required. It is respectfully requested that the rejection of independent claim 1 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

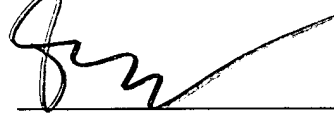
Claims 2, 3, 6, by virtue of depending from independent claim 1, are allowable for at least the reasons set forth hereinabove. It is respectfully requested therefore that the rejection of claims be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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In view of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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Respectfully submitted,

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